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For : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF MODIFICATION I OF N-(1-METHYLETHYLAMINO-CARBONYL)-4-(3-METHYLPHENYLAMINO)-3-PYRIDINESULFONAMIDE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.